



Liberty Elementary School

251 North Hillcrest Street

Liberty, SC 29657

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	558 Students	
Principal	J. Lowell Haynes	864-397-2100
Superintendent	Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.	864-397-1000
Board Chair	Alex Saitta	864-868-1961

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

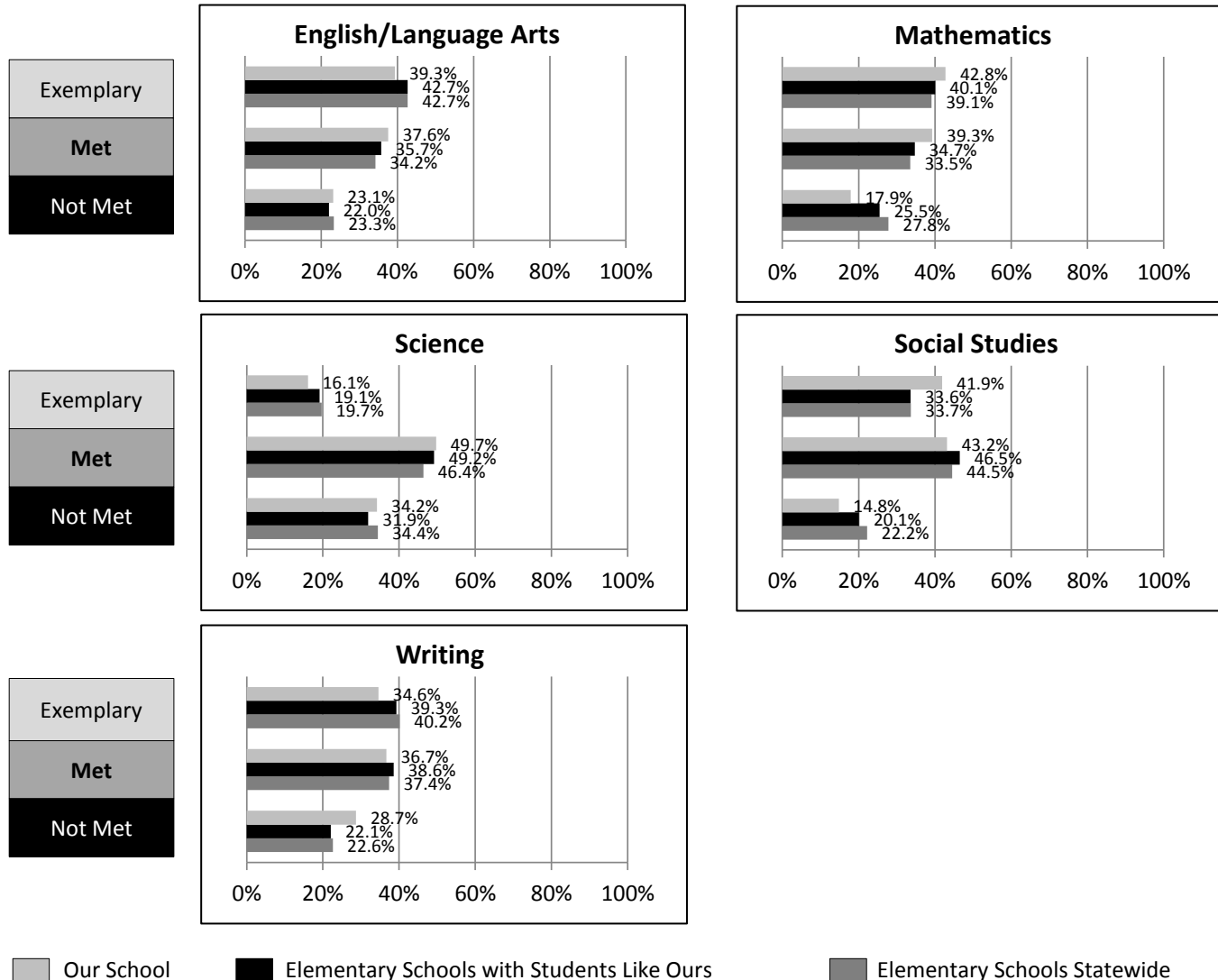
98.2%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
29	48	47	2	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 558)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	2.0%	Down from 3.1%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.1%	Down from 96.4%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.7%	Down from 9.1%	7.3%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.4%	Down from 14.9%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.2%	Up from 3.8%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.0%	Down from 62.2%	61.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	82.5%	Down from 83.8%	83.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.4%	Up from 77.9%	89.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.7%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,686	Down 3.2%	\$48,595	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	16.0 days	Up from 14.1 days	10.4 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Up from 18.8 to 1	20.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 89.7%	90.2%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,974	Up 1.0%	\$7,546	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Down from 67.0%	66.8%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.0%	No change	65.8%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The Liberty Elementary School faculty has worked hard throughout the 2013-2014 school year to teach our students that "Leadership Encourages Success". School-wide we have focused on embedding the 7 Habits of an Effective Leader in all that we do. We believe it is imperative that our students learn what it means to be a leader and that these skills will help to ensure success in life.

Our faculty, staff, and administration work very hard each day to provide a safe, caring, and academically challenging environment for all 550 of our students. Our goal is for each of them to learn and reach their full potential. We are proud of our strong history of academic success. We have achieved these accolades through the continuous professional development of our teachers. Our teachers are always seeking new and effective strategies such as: Thinking Maps, Literacy By Design, Café, manipulatives, Every Day Math, Classworks, IXL, science kits, guided reading, Accelerated Reader, Project Read, Write From The Beginning, STEM, and Reading Recovery. This year we added a STEAM program into our related arts rotation. This program focused on integrating Science, Technology, Art, and Math while teaching the Engineering Design Process. We were also very excited to provide a Math Interventionist to assist our students who needed additional support.

At Liberty Elementary we have various programs outside the academic world to focus on the development of the whole child. This year we continued to use the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program here at LES. This program rewards our students for displaying positive behaviors. We celebrate these behaviors with our student Leaders of the Pack in our monthly Bravo Breakfast. We also continued our partnership with the Young Appalachian Musicians (YAMs) program. This program had numerous students staying after school to learn to play the banjo, guitar, and fiddle. Our guidance counselor taught the 7 Habits of Leadership in monthly classroom guidance lessons. She also has a helper named Dolly Mae, our very own school therapy dog, who is always there to make any student feel better. We continued the BARK program that brings other therapy dogs into the school to read with students who struggle with reading. LES also partnered with the Feed A Hungry Child Program to provide food over the weekend for numerous needy students. Finally, we continued to offer Breakfast In The Classroom for our students. This program ensures all have a healthy breakfast and are ready to begin their day.

Parent communication and support is essential to the success of any school.

We communicate through weekly folders, the Parent Link phone system, newsletters, phone calls, conferences, agendas, interim reports, and report cards. We also offer a variety of ways for parents to become involved in their child's education. Some of the opportunities for our school involvement include the School Improvement Council, PTO, parent nights, and the volunteer program. We believe the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of our young. Thank you for all of your support in helping in the development of our future leaders!

Jackie Orr, Chair of the School Improvement Council

Lowell Haynes, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	66	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.8%	90.9%	71.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.7%	94.1%	77.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.2%	94.1%	42.8%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	85.6
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Liberty Elementary School has been designated as a:

X	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.1%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 3-5							
All Students	636.7	649.3	623.8	654.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	631.7	649.9	624.2	658.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	641.9	648.7	623.4	648.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	639.1	652.1	626.5	655.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	587.6	596.9	587.9	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	631.5	642.2	617.3	645.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	85	645.2	100.0	85	628.3	100.0
	4	80	646.2	100.0	80	642.8	100.0
	5	93	653.8	100.0	93	666.6	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	46	625.1	97.8	39	635.7	100.0
	4	78	631.6	100.0	80	654.7	100.0
	5	46	629.6	97.8	47	637.6	97.9
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	81	630.2	100.0	81	639.4	100.0
	4	87	642.7	100.0	87	637.9	100.0
	5	76	636.9	100.0	76	672.2	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	42	609.5	100.0	39	627.7	100.0
	4	86	630.2	100.0	87	666.1	100.0
	5	40	624.7	100.0	38	654.4	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	3901022
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	650.2	648.1	635.8	653.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	644.6	648.2	636.9	655.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	N/A
Female	655.7	647.9	634.8	650.5	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	654.3	652.7	640.9	656.2	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	627.3	617.2	606.2	632.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.8	703.1	662.9	695.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	630.1	627.9	614.0	640.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	603.0	598.4	597.0	614.3	99.2	99.6	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.3	634.1	613.0	643.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	634.0	628.7	618.7	636.8	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	633.3	635.3	644.0	641.1	99.9	99.8	99.3	N/A
Male	626.0	634.1	644.1	645.8	99.9	99.8	99.2	N/A
Female	641.0	636.5	643.9	636.2	99.9	99.9	99.4	N/A
White	636.2	637.7	647.0	643.0	99.9	99.8	99.4	N/A
African American	605.2	606.5	616.8	616.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	678.3	702.5	686.9	683.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	624.1	628.3	631.2	641.2	100.0	99.4	99.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	577.0	584.2	586.9	594.3	99.8	99.4	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	620.4	632.4	635.9	641.8	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	614.5	616.4	627.7	624.0	99.9	99.8	98.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	231.5	225.8	82.2	78.0	99.6	99.7	100.0	80.4
Male	229.2	228.0	82.0	78.8	99.4	99.5	100.0	76.5
Female	234.0	223.6	82.5	77.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	84.9
White	233.0	227.6	83.6	78.7	99.5	99.6	100.0	80.8
African American	217.5	208.5	71.3	71.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.5
Hispanic	228.7	219.3	77.1	76.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.9
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	194.7	64.7	66.2	98.6	99.3	100.0	43.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	85.7
Subsidized Meals	222.5	214.0	77.0	73.9	99.6	99.6	100.0	68.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	3901022
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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